

REMARKS

The Official Action dated June 22, 2010 and the reference cited therein have been carefully considered. In view of the amendments submitted herewith and the following remarks, favorable reconsideration is requested.

Status of the prosecution:

Claims 1-17 were pending at the time of examination. Claims 10-17 were withdrawn from consideration. Claim 6 was objected to for an informality, namely, inconsistency in use of the three-letter designations for amino acids and the full name of the amino acids. Claims 1 and 2 were provisionally rejected on the ground of obviousness-type double patenting as allegedly unpatentable over claims 1-4, 7-16 and 18-24 of co-pending Application No. 11/605,182. Claims 1-9 were deemed allowable over the prior art of record, but for the obviousness-type double patenting rejection.

Amendments to the specification and/or claims:

The specification and claim 5 were amended to correct typographical errors. Claim 6 has been amended for consistency in the recitation of three-letter designations for amino acids, and to clarify that the carboxy terminal $-OH$ of the residue at Xaa4 optionally is replaced by $-NH_2$, as recited in the base claim.

No new matter has been added. Applicant submits that the claims are in condition for allowance, for the reasons set forth below.

The objection to claim 6 has been addressed:

Claim 6 was objected to for inconsistency in use of the three-letter designations for amino acids and the full name of the amino acids. Claim 6 has been amended such that all amino acids recited therein are referred to by their three-letter designation. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the objection to claim 6 is therefore requested.

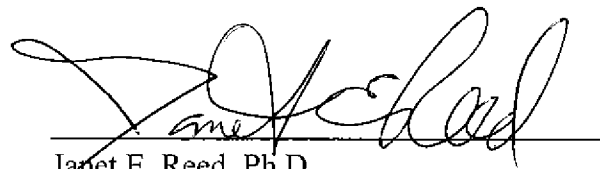
The provisional obviousness-type double patenting rejection should be overcome:

Claims 1 and 2 were provisionally rejected on the ground of obviousness-type double patenting as allegedly unpatentable over claims 1-4, 7-16 and 18-24 of co-pending Application No. 11/605,182. Applicant's undersigned attorney of record submits herewith a terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.321(c), to overcome this provisional rejection. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection is therefore requested.

Conclusion:

In view of the amendments and terminal disclaimer submitted herewith, and the foregoing remarks, the presently pending claims are believed to be in condition for allowance. Applicants respectfully request early and favorable reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections set forth in the June 22, 2010 Official Action, and allowance of this application.

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